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TO: Members of the House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Sandra Jankowski, volunteer advocate AARP Montana

RE: HB 157 - Implement Healthy Kids Initiative

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Sandy Jankowski and I'm a volunteer advocate for AARP Montana—a non profit non-partisan organization of 165,000 members in this state. AARP Montana recognizes that there are over 6,000 grandparents raising grandchildren in this state.

AARP Montana has been a strong advocate of the children's health insurance program for many years—we supported I-155 and we now support House Bill 157. Everyone deserves access to affordable health care, and we are very pleased that Montanans agree that it is a priority for our children to grow up healthy and strong.

Thank you for your time.